



RNC Assessment/Update

July 20, 2016

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July 19, 2016 – Summary of Activity

Protests/Demonstrations

Several First Amendment-protected events occurred without incident during the day. Foot traffic in Public Square increased significantly in the late afternoon hours. Several demonstrators with varying messages, as well as media personnel and onlookers, converged at Public Square. Activity around Public Square impacted traffic flow in the areas immediately surrounding the square. City of Cleveland EOC reported fights at Public Square between opposing protest groups. A small number of agitators were present and attempted to instigate conflict.

A small group of open-carry demonstrators were present with AR15s and long guns (civilians); this group is reported to be the same group from Monday and are pro-law enforcement. Some reports indicate urine was being throw from protestors in the area. As protestors dispersed from Public Square, some attempted to walk in the street and sporadically evade law enforcement by running around corners street corners and through parking garages. No damage identified.

Significant Events

7 or 8 men wearing masks pushed police officers, tried to break through police lines and threw glass bottles on the pavement in attempt to limit law enforcement mobility. The owners of the cars and residences have been identified and agents plan to interview the men 20 July.

Activist and presumed USPER James Anderson bragged on social media about getting into the RNC complex with press credentials. He stated he was challenged once, but he had already entered the secured area of the convention. USSS is handling the incident.

Per the FBI, agents executed a probable cause search warrant on a presumed USPER. The Portage County Fire Department discovered eleven live hand grenades, multiple rifles and handguns, ammunition, and .50 caliber ammunition cans while fighting a fire at a property owned by the USPER. Approximately 10 SKS magazines were discovered although no corresponding rifles were found. The USPER was aggressive with law enforcement before fleeing the scene. There is no known nexus to the RNC.

There were 9 bomb squad call outs and 9 Hazmat deployments – all were cleared.

An LGBT concert and anti-Muslim protest at the Wolstein Center on the campus of Cleveland State University drew a small group of protestors and counter-protestors; no incidents reported.

The “Prophets of Rage” concert occurred without incident.

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Relevant Threats/Issues

Opposing protest/demonstration groups interacting with each other

Open-carry demonstrations in densely populated areas (i.e. Public Square)

Lack of advance social media warning of protest group actions/movements

July 20, 2016 – Planned/Upcoming Protests NOT ON THE LIST

- Wall off Trump - #WallOffTrump at 1100hrs (undetermined location)
- BLM will be having a meeting at the Square around 1600hrs (attendance unknown)

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July 20, 2016 – Planned/Upcoming Protests

7/20/2016				
7:00 - 19:00	Our prayers to Trumps Nomination at RNC 2016	Event	Quicken Loans Arena	13 going ; 48 interested ; 956 invited
9:30 - 21:00	Revolution Books	Event	Perk Plaza and Willard Park	N/A
09:30 - 21:00	Westboro Baptist Church	Event	Perk Plaza, Official Speakers Platform	N/A
09:30 - 21:00	The Curious End to the War Against Ourselves	Event	Willard Park, Cleveland, OH	N/A
9:30 - 21:00	League of Women Voters of Greater Cleveland	Event	Willard Park, Cleveland, OH	N/A
9:30 - 21:00	People Fight Back Center/March Against Racism	Event	Willard Park, Cleveland, OH	N/A
10:00 - 12:00	Love on Legs during the RNC	Event	Meet up: Phoenix Coffee; 1700 East 9, Cleveland. Group will then progress through downtown Cleveland.	9 going; 16 interested; 61 invited
10:30 - 13:00	TEDXClevelandStateUniversitySalon: 21st Century Democracy	Event	CSU Student Center Ballroom	N/A (limited to 150 guests)
11:45 - 12:15	Peace in the Park	Event	Perk Plaza, Official Speakers Platform	N/A
12:00 - 16:00	ASBS and RNC Sustainability	Event	CSU: LB-Atrium/Moot	N/A
14:00 - 14:30	Bring Ohio Back	Event	Perk Plaza, Official Speakers Platform	N/A
17:00 - 17:30	Northeast Ohio American Friends Service Committee	Event	Perk Plaza, Official Speakers Platform	N/A
17:45 - 18:15	Stand Together Against Trump	Event	Perk Plaza, Official Speakers Platform	46 going; 94 interested; 917 invited
19:00	FREE ANTI-RNC PUNK SHOW /// CLEVELAND /// PUNK on PUNK VIOLENCE / SHIRIME / DIVA CUP / and more	Event	Now That's Class: 11213 Detroit Ave., Cleveland, Ohio 44102	77 going; 292 interested; 185 invited
22:30	Who Would Trump Bomb ? Anti-War Protest -Republican National Convention July 20,2016 Cleveland, Oh	Event	Perk Plaza, Cleveland, OH 44114	175 going; 185 interested; 2.3K invited
23:00 - 23:30	Code Pink Women for Peace	Event	Perk Plaza, Official Speakers Platform	N/A
	Anti-Fascist RNC Protest	Event	Quicken Loans Arena	18 going ; 45 interested ; 4942invited
	Cleveland 2016 RNC: Think Outside the Convention	Event	Quicken Loans Arena	17 going; 36 interested; 156 invited
	Free Speech Safe Space for Protesters- RNC-Cleveland,Ohio	Event	Cleveland City Park (TBA)	82 going; 240 interested; 2.5K invited
	Drag Protest of RNC	Event	Quicken Loans Arena	26 going; 71 interested; 379 invited
	America First Unity Rally & March (pro Trump)	Event	Settlers Landing, Cleveland, OH	499 going; 1.5K interested; 5K invited
	Cleveland Stop the Big Steal Rally	Event	Cleveland	4 going ; 17 interested ; 135 invited
	STOP The Steal, TRUMP train to Cleveland (Pro-Trump)	Event	Cleveland	8 going; 15 interested; 4 invited

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